

Music In The Air

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Music in the Air Jan 2012

03/01 *Coffeehouse*

203-837-9700

Free

8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act at 9 p.m.
Alumni Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp
Danbury

03/01 All Jazz First Thursday featuring

203-753-0381x10 \$ 7-15

5:30p Featuring Glenda Davenport, and Bassist John Mobilio with James Santucci on piano and drummer Jack Varanelli. Ms. Davenport began her singing career in June, 1992. She was a winner at The World Famous Apollo Theater's Amateur Night in April, 1993 and the opening act for comedian Bill Cosby in 1994 at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. In July 1995, she performed with tenor saxophonist Carmen Leggio's Quartet at the Saratoga Jazz Festival, Saratoga, NY. She currently performs regularly throughout the tri-state area.

John Mobilio is a jazz bassist who performs regularly with a number of jazz combos and big bands in the Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts area. As a bassist, educator, musical director and performer John brings his joy of jazz and music to audiences and students throughout Connecticut and the surrounding states.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street Waterbury

03/01 Taj Mahal Trio

(203) 438-5795 \$ 65

8:00p Legendary composer and multi-instrumentalist Taj Mahal, a two-time Grammy winner and one of the most influential American blues and roots artists of the past half-century, with over four decades of blues, roots, reggae and beyond. A self-taught musician, Taj plays more than 20 instruments, including the National Steel and Dobro guitars. His remarkable voice ranges from gruff and gravelly to smooth & sultry. Rolling Stone Magazine wrote of Taj Mahal: "One of the enduring figures in American blues."

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp

03/01 **Black 47** 860-542-5531 \$ 22-32

8:00p In 1993 Black 47 changed Irish-American music irrevocably when they burst out of MTV screens with their hit single, Funky Ceili. Not only were people dancing in the aisles at their concerts, they introduced a new generation to the literature, politics and soul of Irish culture. Taking their name from the darkest year of the Irish Potato Famine, their music, though sometimes based on traditional melodies, is laced with rock, reggae, hip-hop, New Orleans and modern jazz; while songwriter Larry Kirwan uses his playwrighting experience and influences as varied as Yeats, Joyce and Dylan to fashion his dramatic cutting edge lyrics. Kirwan and his comrades offer a thrilling journey through history and political struggle that will not only entertain but expose audiences to a new cultural experience.

Infinity Hall, Rt. 44

www.infinityhall.com/calendar

Norfolk

03/02 Eight to the Bar

860-542-5531

\$ 15-25

8:00p Listening to Eight To The Bar is a lot like driving along a time-warped highway precisely halfway between Count Basie's Kansas City and Fats Waller's Harlem, where the car radio picks up everything from Take the A Train to I Heard It Through the Grapevine. Their material, like their outlandish wardrobes and onstage choreography, is a colorful mix of forties jive, fifties melodrama, and sixties through eighties Motown. With their female vocals, saxophone, guitar, bass, keyboards and drums, this unique sextet pack a musical and visual wallop not seen in New England since the group's inception in 1975. Since that time they have released ten recordings, seven videos, have appeared nationally on HBO, VH-1, and have excited audiences from Europe to the Caribbean.

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Norfolk

03/02 Phil Ochs Song Night

(203) 431-6501

\$20-25

7:00p Led by Phil's sister, Sonny Ochs, a few of today's most talented singer/songwriters cover several of Och's songs and then treat you to some of their own. This evening features Greg Greenway, Pat Wictor, John Flynn, Magpie and others. For more information on the history of Phil Ochs' song nights see http://www.sonnyochs.com/remembering.html

Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.

www.acousticcelebration.org/

Ridgefield

03/03 David Grisman FolkJazz Trio

860-542-5531

\$

8:00p Featuring Jim Hurst, and Samson Grisman

David Grisman isn't just a mandolin player, composer, producer, musical innovator and historian. He's also a voracious listener. It might surprise you to know that he's often in the audience at concerts of many of his musical peers (a term I use lightly as none really have had the journey of the Dawg.)

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Norfolk

03/03 Tartan Terrors

(203) 438-5795

\$ 35

8:00p With Special Guest: The Mighty Ploughboys

North America's premiere Celtic Event, features the best in Rock and Celtic music, comedy and dance. "The Terrors" are bolstered by the blistering piping of a Two Time World Champion Bagpiper, the driving tones of drums from around the world, and a guitar player unlike any you've ever heard. Dig This Magazine declares "(The Terrors) one act to keep an eye on!"

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge

http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp

Ridgefield

03/03 The Jolly Beggars

203-272-8404 \$

\$ 14-16

7:30p The Jolly Beggars bring the rich tradition of Celtic folk music and storytelling to modern day audiences. Based out of Hartford, CT, their traditional songs and musical arrangements have exposed many to the joys of Celtic music. They tell traditional stories from Irish folklore and intersperse their musical arrangements with traditional reels and jigs. Characterized by their tight harmonies and use of guitars, mandolin, tin whistles, octave mandolin, mandola, tenor banjo, double bass, bodhran, spoons, and more, The Jolly Beggars have quickly built a solid following and continue to spread their music around the east coast. The band performs music that is largely Celtic in origin (Irish and Scottish), with some pieces coming from an extension of that music in other cultures.

The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street

West Hartford http://www.folknotes.org/

03/03 Film of "Atys" – Classical Opera

(860) 435-2838

Free

2:00p Friends of the Scoville Memorial Library present a showing of the Opera Comique "Atys" by Lully, specially performed at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and filmed live.

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main Street
Salisbury

03/03 Esther – Classical Opera

(860) 435-4687

Free

2:30 ESTHER, a one-act opera by Donald Sosin and Sari Magaziner, tells the biblical story of a courageous woman in lively song and dance. Cast of New York professionals conducted by the composer. Heard on WQXR, this opera is being presented to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Hadassah. Come in costume if you like and celebrate this festive holiday. Free workshop for children seven and older at noon. Salisbury Congregational Church, Main Street Salisbury

03/04 David Kaplan, piano

(860) 693-6333

Free

4:00p Mr. Kaplan's program will include works by Johannes Brahms and Robert Schumann. Since his debut at the age of nine, David Kaplan has been praised for his "grace and fire" (Boston Globe) and his "striking imagination and creativity" (New York Times). He recently received the plaudits of New York Times chief music critic Anthony Tommasini, who found Kaplan's interpretation of Schumann's Carnaval, "rousing......triumphant".

Collinsville Congregational Church,, 7 South Street Collinsville

03/04 *The B52s*

(203) 438-5795

\$ 95-110

8:00p They're back for another night of hits including...Love Shack, Roam, Rock Lobster, Private Idaho and many more! It has been said that the B-52's are as quintessentially American as the Beach Boys. And thirty years and over twenty million albums into their career, they remain the among the most beloved rock stars ever. Known as "the world's greatest party band," the B-52's have attracted legions of faithful, fun-seeking fans with their unique sound and electrifying stage show!

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge

http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp

Ridgefield

03/04 Danbury Prepartory String Orchestra &

203-748-1716

Free

3:00p Danbury Community Orchestra

Ives Concert Hall, 181 White Street Danbury

03/05 U.S. Air Force Academy Band

860.489.7180 Free!

7:30p The professional Airmen-musicians in the Falconaires Big Band follow in a long blue line of talented Air Force Academy bandsmen who are dedicated to serving our great nation and representing the young men and women at the academy training to be officers of character that will lead our Air Force. It is also our distinct privilege to support our veterans and all men and women currently serving around the globe, protecting the freedoms we all enjoy. It is because of these selfless Americans that we are able to share the music and remarkable talents of the Falconaires Big band. The versatility and professionalism of this unique ensemble reflects the great diversity and ingenuity that makes our air force the greatest air, space and cyberspace force the world has ever known. The Air Force Academy Band's Falconaires play a major role in cultivating our national heritage through America's only indigenous musical genre, jazz!

The Canton High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by Tom Scavone, will open. Tom Kelly, a Canton High School senior, is their lead alto sax player and a member of both the 2011 and 2012 Grammy Bands

Tickets available January 28th at the Warner Box Office and all Torrington Savings Bank Offices.

Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street

http://www.warnertheatre.org/

Torrington

03/06 Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis

(860) 350 5995 Free?

8:30p 59 Bank Street New Milford

03/07 Janes Addiction

203.346.2002 \$41-51

8:30p Great bands break rules, but legends write their own. JANE'S ADDICTION has written the rule book for alternative music and culture through a combination of genre-defying classic songs and a cinematic live experience. Their songs serve as the Ten Commandments for alt rock, inspiring an entire generation of bands such as Nirvana, Rage Against the Machine, Nine Inch Nails, Pearl Jam and Tool.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street

http://www.palacetheatrect.org/

Waterbury

03/07 WCSU Percussion Ensemble

203-837-8350 Free

8:00p White Hall, 181 White St <u>www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp</u>

Danbury

03/07 Carolina Chocolate Drops

860-542-5531

\$ 35-45

8:00p 2011 Grammy Winner for Best Traditional Folk Album

The Carolina Chocolate Drops are...revisiting, with a joyful vengeance, black string-band and jug-band music of the Twenties and Thirties—the dirt-floor dance electricity of the Mississippi Sheiks and Cannon's Jug Stompers. —Rolling Stone

Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 www.infinityhall.com/calendar

Norfolk

03/08 Full Moon Drum Circle

860-294-1156

\$ 5 donation

8-9 **Description**Come join Cat Breen as she facilitates a drum circle honoring the full moon each month: Respecting this centuries old ritual of drumming to the moon. No drumming experience needed and if you don't have a drum, bring a rattle or your voice.

The Phoenix Rising Center, 135 South Main Street; 1st floor of Seth Thomas Clock Tower Thomaston

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03/08 *Coffeehouse*

203-837-9700

Free

8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, illusionist Joel Myers,, at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp Danbury

03/08 ImaginOcean

203.346.2002

\$10

9:30 & A one-of-a-kind live black-light puppet show, JOHN TARTAGLIA'S IMAGINOCEAN is a magical 11:30a undersea adventure for kids of all ages. Tank, Bubbles and Dorsel are three best friends who just happen to be fish, and they're about to set out on a remarkable journey of discovery. And it all starts with treasure map. As they swim off in search of clues, they'll sing, they'll dance, and they'll make new friends, including everyone in the audience. Ultimately they discover the greatest treasure of all: friendship. Jam-packed with music ranging from swing to R&B to Big Band, John Tartaglia's *Imaginocean* is a blast from the first big splash to the last wave goodbye. Best for Grades: PreK - 2 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street http://www.palacetheatrect.org/ Waterbury

03/08 Royal Southern Brotherhood

860-542-5531

\$ 30-40

8:00p featuring Cyril Neville, Devon Allman and Mike Zito

They said that rock 'n' roll was dead, but they were wrong. Right now, in 2012, there's something in the air, as Royal Southern Brotherhood drag their thrilling new brand of blues-rock and white-hot musicianship from the Southern States onto the world stage. The South is rising again.

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Norfolk

03/09 WCSU Jazz Combo

203-837-8350 Free

8:00p White Hall, 181 White St Danbury

www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp

03/09 Terri Clark – Roots & Wings Unplugged

860-542-5531

\$ 37-47

8:00p With more than four million albums sold and nearly a dozen Top 10 hits to her credit, Terri Clark has emerged as a singular voice on the country music landscape – driving, passionate, spirited – and every bit her own woman. A dynamic, no-holds-barred live performer – and one of the rare female country artists capable of throwing down some impressive guitar work – the Alberta, Canada native has toured with such superstars as Brooks & Dunn, Reba McEntire, and George Strait on her way to becoming a seven-time, fan-voted Canadian Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year.

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Norfolk

03/09 Travis Tritt

(203) 438-5795

\$ 75

8:00p With Special Guest Lyndsey Highlander

A Special Acoustic Performance! Tritt has charted more than forty times on the Hot Country Songs charts, including five number ones - "Help Me Hold On," "Anymore," " Can I Trust You With My Heart," " Foolish Pride" and "Best of Intentions." Over the course of his career he has delighted fans and disarmed critics by exploring his deep love of hardcore country, flashing an ability and affinity for bluegrass, revealing unexpected sensitivity as a balladeer, winning respect as a songwriter and, most emphatically, drawing widespread recognition as one the finest vocalists the genre has ever known. A two-time Grammy winner, singer/songwriter Tritt has sold 25 million albums and performed for standing room only crowds coast to coast.

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge

http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp

03/09 *Irish Rovers* 203.346.2002 \$25-45

8:00p For more than four decades, THE IRISH ROVERS have charmed and entertained audiences around the world with their exciting stage shows, and their songs have become anthems of revelry and joy among generations of fans. Over the past 45 years, these international ambassadors of Irish music have maintained their timeless ability to deliver a rollicking, rousing performance of good cheer - one that will have audiences singing and clapping along.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street

http://www.palacetheatrect.org/

Waterbury

03/09 *Tret Fure* (203) 431-6501 \$15-20

7:00p One of the most prolific artists in the contemporary singer-songwriter arena, Tret Fure in 2004 won the prestigious South Florida Folk Festival Songwriting Competition in two out of three categories, Best Up-Tempo and Best Overall, as well as the Phyllis Schliessman Award for Outstanding Contributions to Women's Music.

Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St.

www.acousticcelebration.org/

Ridgefield

03/10 Steam Vent Coffee House

860-482-3491 Free

9:00p Steam Vent Coffee House, First Church of Winsted giving musicians a relaxed and friendly place to share their talents with friends and neighbors. Our extended mission is to promote and encourage local musicians and provide entertainment to the Northwest Corner while supporting our mission activities Steam Vent Cafe serves light suppers from 6-9...generally with a theme, and March is Mexican Night! Benefit: Mexico If you would like a chance to perform, please call Debbie at 860-482-3491 or email info@firstchurchofwinsted.org. Performer Showcase begins at 6:30 PM.

First Church of Winsted, 95 Nortt Main Street, www.firstchurchofwinsted.org/SteamVentCoffeeHouse Winsted

03/10 Joyce Anderson

860-693-0263 \$16-18

7:30p Roaring Brook has hosted many fine fiddlers including Johnny Cunningham, Clarence Gatemouth Brown, Rani Arbo and Laurie Lewis. The last time fiddler-troubadour and singer songwriter-guitarist Joyce Anderson was here she played an unforgettable hoedown-showdown double bill with Jake Amerding. Her RBNC concerts with Eric Andersen, Cormac McCarthy and Harvey Reid show why she was picked to join Marshall Krenshaw on The Conan O'Brien Show and by The McKrells for an appearance at Carnegie Hall. Tonight she performs selections from her solo electro-acoustic fiddle troubadour project—SWERVE! The 2011 CD release includes four originals titles, "Yearning," "Get Your Swerve On," "Heartbreak" and "I Will Shine." She also puts her own spin on pop tunes, "Higher Love," "Dream a Little Dream" and "Hey Joe" that you've heard from Steve Winwood, Mama Cass and Jimi Hendrix plus the traditional tune, "Little Birdie." In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Joyce will favor us with a few Celtic fiddle tunes and we can expect a couple of fine songs from her previous discs, The Girl I Left Behind, Love and Thirst and Right Where I Should Be.

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road

http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org/

Canton

03/10 Piano Masterworks with Timothy Alexandre Wallace 860-482-6801 \$17

7:15 Featuring Triumph of Beethoven. LIMITED SEATING.RSVP Studio 59, 59 Barber Street Torrington

03/10 Spuyten Duyvil

203-272-8404

\$ 14-16

7:30p Spuyten Duyvil's Alternative Roots sound wanders the last 100 years of American music conjuring embittered civil war veterans, recalcitrant small town bawds, suicidal bureaucrats, star crossed lovers and brave hearted fools navigating the mysteries of daily life. So what does Spuy'ten Duy'vil mean? "spite + en dive + el" [Dutch slang] 1. a) in spite of the devil b) spitting devil 2. Creek connecting the Harlem and Hudson Rivers The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street West Hartford http://www.folknotes.org/

03/10 Brother Josecephus &

860-693-9762

\$15-25

8:00p The Love Revival Revolution Orchestra

Brother Joscephus and the Love Revival Revolution Orchestra is a 12-piece explosion of righteousness blending New Orleans party music, soul in the style of Ray Charles and Al Green, a good helping of jam-bandy roots rock and a splash of upbeat (non-religious) gospel into a feel-good gumbo of love. Whenever the band takes the stage, it's Fat Tuesday of Mardi Gras in New Orleans. A Love Revival with BroJo is more than just excellent music - it's a complete spectacle, a feast for the eyes as well as the ears. They break out parasols, start each set with a parade through the audience and throw out hundreds of beads over the course of a show. BroJo is guaranteed to get everyone, from ages 2 to 102, up and dancing - as they've done numerous times at venues such as BB King's, Brooklyn Bowl, Blue Nile, Tipitina's (FQ), Harper's Ferry, The Middle East, and in New Orleans itself, playing 13 shows in 12 days during Jazz Fest. You do not want to miss this show!

Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street

Collinsville

03/10 Coco Montoya

860-542-5531

\$ 25-40

8:00p "In a world of blues guitar pretenders, Coco Montoya is the real McCoy. Be prepared to get scorched."

- Billboard Mentored by legendary bluesman Albert Collins, Coco went on to become the guitarist for John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers for ten years before leading his own band. A self taught guitar slinger who plays with an emotional intensity few string benders possess, he plays left-handed and up side down in the style of Albert King and Jimi Hendrix.

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Norfolk

03/10- Once on This Island Jr.

(203) 438-5795

\$ 20-25

- 03/11 Presented by Sabrina's Encore Productions
- 8:00p Performed by kids for kids! With its poignant story and catchy Caribbean flavored score, Once On This
- 7:30p Island Jr. is a feast for the heart, mind, and soul. The highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale The Little Mermaid garnered eight Tony nominations for its Broadway run, including Best Musical, book and Score.

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge

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Ridgefield

03/11 Ann Schein, piano

203-426-6470

\$20

3:00p ".....her beautiful tone and the rhythmic freedom of her playing reminded one of that great Chopin master, Arthur Rubinstein, with whom Ms Schein studied..." Just one of the many laudatory comments on her performance. We welcome her warmly to Newtown.

Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street,

http://newtownfriendsofmusic.org/

Newtown

03/11 Back to Basics – the three B's 203-748-1716 Free 3:00p Bach – Beethoven - Brahms Danbury Symphony Orchestra Ives Concert Hall, 181 White Street Danbury 03/11 Connecticut Master Chorale (203) 743-047 \$20-25 3:00p Gloria and Te Deum by Karl Jenkins and King of Kings Choral Suite by Miklós Rózsa St. Rose of Lima Church, 46 Main Street Newtown 03/11 George Winston 860-542-5531 \$ 40-55 7:30p Dressing unassumingly for his shows, he plays in stocking feet to quiet his "hard beat pounding" left foot that he beats to his own style of melodic instrumental music on solo piano, called folk piano. Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 www.infinityhall.com/calendar Norfolk 03/13 Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis (860) 350 5995 Free? 8:30p 59 Bank Street New Milford 03/13 Spiritual Drumming 860-567-8302 \$ 10 donation 1-2:30p Led by Susan Strand. Experience drumming by becoming part of a sacred circle; learn and play drum rhythms; drum with intentionality and create community. Bring your own drum if you have one. A few drums and many rhythm instruments will be available. Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road Litchfield 03/14 Jon Anderson (voice of YES) \$56--76 860-542-5531 8:00p Jon Anderson has one of the most recognizable voices in progressive rock. As the lead vocalist and creative force behind the band Yes, Jon Anderson was central to that band's phenomenal success. Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 www.infinityhall.com/calendar Norfolk 03/14 WCSU Chamber Music Concert 203-837-8350 Free 8:00p Ives Concert Hall in White Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp **Danbury** 03/15 WCSU Orchestra Concert 203-837-8350 Free 8:00p Ives Concert Hall in White Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp Danbury 03/15 *Coffeehouse* 203-837-9700 Free 8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Honor Finnegan, at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp Danbury

03/15 TGI Thursday featuring Willie Nininger

203-753-0381x10 \$ 7-15

5:30p A great place to dance and unwind with your favorite local performers! The Mattatuck Museum is excited to announce the return of popular singer-songwriter-guitarist Willie "O'Nininger" to perform folk and popular Irish music including sentimental favorites and rabble-rousing songs. Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main Street Waterbury

03/15 Southside Johnny & the Poor Fools

860-542-5531 \$ 40-60

8:00p For more than 35 years, Southside Johnny /aka John Lyon/, has delivered a soul-searing brand of raucous blues and R&B that has made he and his Juke's a seminal force as All-American rock n' roll song-slingers. Now, the affable new Jersey rock icon is setting his sights on a long-desired project that will deliver to music fans some of the singer's most cherished and under-recognized song nuggets; Original gems as well as what Johnny calls 'those seldom-played and maybe even forgotten rock 'covers,' in an intimate, acoustically-mined live stage throwdown billed as Southside Johnny and The **Poor Fools**

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Norfolk

03/15 Jefferson Starship, David Freiberg,

(203) 438-5795

\$ 90

8:00p Slick Aguilar, Nona Hendryx and more!

With Special Guest Mimi Page.

Celebrate Paul Kantner's 71st Birthday with a historical night of celebration in honor of one of the biggest living legends in ROCK and ROLL! Paul Kantner performs with a star-studded line-up, featuring founding members of Jefferson Airplane and Hall-of-Famers from four decades of Jefferson Starship incarnations. Featuring David Freiberg, Slick Aguilar, Donny Baldwin, Chris Smith, Very Special Guest Nona Hendryx and a special tribute to Papa John Creach. Plus many other special guests! Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp Ridgefield

03/16 Annie Tindall-Gibson, pianist

860-567-9465 Free/donation

8:00p Classical pianist Annie Tindall-Gibson presents a benefit recital for the St. Michael's Church Music St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 25 South Street Litchfield Click to Visit

03/16 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

\$ 55 (203) 438-5795

8:00p With Special Guest Roger Sprung with The Progressive Bluegrassers

The iconic and profoundly influential **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band**, often cited as a catalyst for an entire movement in Country Rock and American Roots Music, continues to add to their legendary status. With multi-platinum and gold records, strings of top ten hits such as "Fishin' In The Dark" and "Mr. Bojangles", multiple Grammy, IBMA, CMA Awards and nominations, the band's accolades continue to accumulate. Their groundbreaking Will The Circle Be Unbroken album has been inducted into the U.S. Library of Congress as well as the Grammy Hall of Fame. NGDB's recording of "Mr. Bojangles" was also inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2010. NGDB (Jeff Hanna, Jimmie Fadden, Bob Carpenter, John McEuen) are touring in support of their most recent release, the critically acclaimed album Speed of Life (2009, SugarHill Records) with recent tour stops at Bonnaroo and Levon Helm's Midnight Ramble.

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Ridgefield

03/17 Mick and the Kippster

203-272-8404 \$ 1

\$ 14-16

7:30p Come join a couple of our talented locals who have a load of good Irishness to share on this St Patrick's Day Saturday! Mick (Mike Carbonneau) and the Kippster (Kipp Sturgeon) will be joining us with a mixed bag of Celtic favorites. Mick's specialty is the obscure traditional stuff, and Kipp knows the Broadway/Hollywood/Kingston Trio quasi Irish classics that will make the folk purists cringe while most of us happily sing along. Throw in some silly jokes and bad puns, and you'll be wondering why your friends wasted this most musical of holidays in a noisy bar with a bunch of obnoxious drunks. The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street

West Hartford

http://www.folknotes.org/

03/17 A Bard's Visit, A Night of Irish Wit

860-542-5075

Donations

7:30p The Library gives a nod to the Irish with a production by Gerry Coneely featuring a night of Irish wit, song and poetry. Conneely is a veteran of Galway's animated theatre scene. his best known parts include George in Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf" (1992), Michael McLiammoir's "The Importance of being Oscar" (1993) and the brother in Eamon Kelly's classic, "Religious Knowledge" (1994). In 2006 he wrote and produced "The Road to Clare," which is scheduled for production again in 2012. Coneely's performance celebrates poetry, including works by Blake, Goldsmith, Shelly, Byron, Yeats and Wilde. "Poetry," explains Coneely, "gets to a place where simple words can't reach." by using narrative and poetry he combines the intellectual and the emotional in a vivid synthesis which is as stimulating as it is enlightening. Please call for reservations Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East Click to Visit

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03/17 The Revelations featuring Tre' Williams

860-693-9762

\$15-25

8:00p The Revelations featuring Tré Williams represents a renewed dawning in soul music, one that marries the concrete jungle grit of the streets with the midnight blues of the rural South. The rawness of Stax and propulsive drive of Motown has been re-imagined for contemporary listeners needing relief from timeless problems. Far from a historical artifact straining to use yesterday's sound as tomorrow's gimmick, the songs painstakingly crafted on the Revelations' debut project, Deep Soul, are born from the pain, frustrations and experience of soul men struggling to give expression to their lives and loves through song. To cull the level of unabashed honesty present on these tunes requires a return to one's roots to give them the proper weight, meaning and, most importantly, a resonance for the world. Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street Collinsville

03/17 Cosi Fan Tutte

203.346.2002

\$20-65

8:00p Cosi Fan Tutte (Thus Do All Women) - the perfect opera for those who prefer their laughter sandwiched with a slice of wry - is a deliciously ironic look at the foibles of love. We begin with two sisters, their fiancés, and a bet - Will the women be faithful? Thus we enter a world of disguises and trickery in which the women - and love itself - are put to the test. Mozart's genius turns a farce into a scintillating blend of thought provoking humor. Presented with English supertitles, this fully staged co-production features an international cast of singers conducted by Maestro Adrian Sylveen and presented by the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra and the Connecticut Lyric Opera. Visit www.ctlyricopera.org for more information.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street Waterbury

http://www.palacetheatrect.org/

03/17 Maura O'Connell with John Mock

860-542-5531

\$ 30-45

8:00p From her first recorded appearance as a lead vocalist with the celebrated traditional Celtic group DeDanaan in 1981, to her long time collaborations with Nashville artists Jerry Douglas, Bela Fleck and others, Maura O'Connell has married an unmistakable deep, rich, flexible voice and her signature talent for finding what's most potent in the work of a broad array of genre-jumping songwriters, to pull the audience right along with her--to the heart of a song.

Infinity Hall, Rt. 44 <u>www.infinityhall.com/calendar</u>

Norfolk

03/18 *Insight* 203-419-0890 Free/donation

8-10p Good Friday Coffee House

United Methodist Church of Naugatuck, 208 Meadow St. http://www.numcct.org/goodfridays.htm

Naugatuck

03/18 *The Saw Doctors* (203) 438-5795 \$ 50

8:00p With hits "She Loves Me", "About You Now" and Ireland's all-time best selling single "I Useta Lover" The Saw Doctors were a little- known local bar band in Tuam (pronounced "Chewam") in County Galway when they were invited by Mike Scott to be the opening act on the Waterboys' 1988 tour of Ireland and the United Kingdom. In the years since, however, The Saw Doctors have emerged as one of the most successful Irish rock bands since U2. The Washington Post calls them "one of the world's most appealing roots rock outfits." The Saw Doctors have a rabid international fan base that has been compared to that of the Grateful Dead. Fueled by those in Ireland as well as those of Irish descent in the US, UK, and elsewhere, this unofficial fan club prides itself on seeing the band live as many times as possible. Their most recent album is The Further Adventures of The Saw Doctors. Live, the band can bottle the energy of a full theatre into an intimate pub where everyone's raising their pints in harmony and unity. Especially in March!

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge

http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp

Ridgefield

03/18 The Tommy Castro Band

860-542-5531 \$ 30-45

7:30p Ever since he first picked up a guitar, Tommy Castro believed. He believed he would not only be able to make a living playing music, but could develop his own signature sound, fusing blues with R&B and roots rock 'n' roll. And he has done just that. He has become one of the blues' top drawing artists and best-loved performers, known worldwide for his impassioned vocals, forceful guitar work, striking songwriting and galvanizing live show. Castro's contagious, boyish energy and his uncanny ability to connect one-on-one with his fans.

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Norfolk

03/20 *Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis* (860) 350 5995 Free?

8:30p 59 Bank Street New Milford

03/23 Friday Feast and Dancing Feet 860-567-8302

12-2p Join us on the third Friday of each month for a great afternoon of music, food and fun. Enjoy a great meal provided by local restaurants, and music by Michale Ciulla for your listening & dancing pleasure! Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road Litchfield

03/23 Allan Holdsworth Band featuring

860-542-5531

\$ 30-45

\$7

8:00p Allan Holdsworth (guitar) Virgil Donati (drums) and Jimmy Haslip (bass) with special guest Marbin

Allan Holdsworth is widely regarded by fans and contemporary musicians as one of the 20th century's most prominent guitarists. He is one of a handful of musicians who has consistently proven himself as an innovator in between and within the worlds of rock and jazz music. Many of music's best-known instrumental masters cite Holdsworth as that rare and shining voice—a legendary player who continues to push the outer limits of instrumental technique and the electric guitar's range of tonal and textural possibilities.

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Norfolk

03/23 Waterbury Symphony Orchestra

203-574-4283

\$30-50

8:00p Come Fly With Me

Some of the most enduring popular music came from the big band era of the forties, and what bigger star of that era and beyond than Francis Albert Sinatra? The WSO will be augmented by a 16 piece big band featuring Connecticut native vocalist and trumpeter extraordinaire, **Rob Zappulla.** Former lead vocalist with the legendary Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Mr. Zappulla will have the NVCC and Litchfield Intermediate School swinging and swaving with his interpretations of the greatest hits from "The Chairman of the Board." Joining the party will be Prospect's own Vincent Ingala, a magnetic performer whose commanding artistic range is well beyond his 18 years of age **Big Band Classics including:** Come Fly With Me, I Get a Kick Out of You, Come Rain or Come Shine, You Make Me Feel So Young, The Way You Look Tonight, New York, New York, Plus Orchestral Selections...

Litchfield Intermediate School, 35 Plumb Hill Road

Litchfield

03/24 *Too Blue* 203-925-9064 no cover 8-11p Huntington St. Café, 90 Huntington St. www.huntingtonstreetcafe.com

Shelton

03/24 Lynn Henderson – Try To Remember

860-927-3486

\$20

3:00p Music In the Nave: A cabaret featuring songs from the Great American Songbook sung by Lynn Henderson featuring Douglas J. Cohen, piano and vocals; Grisha Alexiev, drums and Bob Sabin, bass St. Andrew's Parish Hall, corner of Routes 341 & 7. Kent

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Waterbury

03/24 Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters

860-542-5531 \$30-50

8:00p Legendary blues guitarist Ronnie Earl was born Ronald Horvath, in Queens, New York, on March 10, 1953. He didn't pick up his first guitar until twenty years later, beginning a musical journey that took him to the sides of some of the most respected and talented blues musicians in the world. Inspired by Muddy Waters, T-Bone Walker, B.B. King, Freddie King, Otis Rush, Big Walter Horton and The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Ronnie quickly developed his six string skills, playing with an intensity that hasn't cooled in over thirty-five years of playing.

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Norfolk

03/24 The Official Blues Brothers Revue

203.346.2002 \$35-55

8:00p Starring Wayne Catania and Kieron Lafferty as "Jake & Elwood". In true Blues Brothers spirit, The Official Blues Brothers Revue is a live concert show that combines the comedy and hit songs from the original 1980 hit film, as well as the five popular albums put out by John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd. Sanctioned by Dan Aykroyd and The John Belushi Estate, The Official Blues Brothers Revue and their ten-piece intercontinental rhythm & blues revue band, pay homage to the humor, music and mayhem of the Blues Brothers, as well as the rich history of blues, gospel and soul music

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street

http://www.palacetheatrect.org/

Waterbury

03/24 Cece Borjeson & Ruth George;

860-693-0263

\$12-15

and The Birch Creek Band 7:30p

Cece Borjeson & Ruth George have made beautiful music together. Alternating lead and harmony vocals, these fine singers accompany each other on guitars, pennywhistle, bodhran, harmonica, cabasa and tambourine. They sing songs of love, war and peace, hearth and home, from many cultures including American, African, Cuban, Irish and Scottish.

The Birch Creek Band is an instrumental quartet that formed in 2009. Their 16 tune debut CD Celtic Enchantment features Celtic aires, jigs and reels. They list Dervish, The Duhks and Tony McManus as influences. Their tune catalog includes "Star of the County Down," Mary, Young and Fair" and "Down by the Sally Gardens."

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road

http://www.roaringbrookconcerts.org/

Canton

03/24 J Geils, Jeff Pitchell, Gerry Beaudoin, &

860-693-9762

\$30-40

8:00p Texas Flood

J. Geils needs no introduction around these parts. Producer, writer, and sports car restoration expert J. Geils is a rockin' master of the blues. Known for several huge classic hits and a soulful approach to the blues, J has now been nominated for the Rock Hall of Fame. Team him up with Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood and you have a show not to be missed! Jeff has been blistering the paint off the walls of most clubs in the New England area for some years now and he is one of the hottest guitar slingers on the circuit, drawing comparisons to Jimi Hendrix or Stevie Ray Vaughn. His CD, Heavy Hitter, reached #7 on the Billboard Charts. Along with Texas Flood they tear up a rich mix of R & B, Rock, Soul and funky Texas Blues. Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood have just won the Connecticut Musician/Band of the year (2011)! Also on the bill is very special guest Gerry Beaudoin, who will add his own sassy guitar to the mix for a rare night of dance and frenzy. Together they will be playing some of the J. Geils Band hits as well as some of Jeff's songs, that have won international awards...!

Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street

Collinsville

03/24 Elisabeth von Trapp

860-868-2527 \$40

8:00p Elisabeth von Trapp, heir to the legacy of the Trapp Family Singers, will perform. Her repertoire ranges from Bach to Broadway and Schubert to Sting. This program will include settings of Robert Frost poems and excerpts from "The Sound of Music." She will be accompanied by an ensemble of cello, guitar, and string bass.

St. John's Episcopal Church, . <u>Event Website</u>

Washington

03/24 Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem

203-272-8404 \$

\$18-20

7:30p Wicked grooves, sublime lead singing, great harmonies, sparkling original songs, and a deep repertoire that spans 200 years of American music. Four people who share an irresistible chemistry on stage. An unusually gleeful string band that celebrates both tradition and improvisation and that stumps the categorizers. (Are they an agnostic gospel band? A homeopathic bluegrass band? Are they crazy?). Worth seeing... What does it sound like? Start with a fiddle, a guitar, and a standup bass. Add a cardboard box with a suitcase bass drum and tin can cymbals, played by an ex-rock and zydeco drummer. Over that fine groove, hang Rani Arbo's expressive alto, seamless four-part harmonies, and a splash of banjo and ukulele, and you have it.

The Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern Street

West Hartford http://www.folknotes.org/

03/24 *Lisa Eder* (203) 438-5795 \$ 65

8:00p Showcasing one of the greatest contemporary voices of our time, Linda Eder's diverse repertoire spans Broadway, standards, pop, country and jazz. She made her Broadway debut in the musical Jekyll & Hyde, for which she received 1997 Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Nominations, as well as the Theatre World Award for Best Actress in a Musical. Eder is also featured on the concept albums of several other Broadway shows, such as *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *The Civil War*.

Eder sings a collection of original and cover songs from her studio recordings. The horn and rhythm sections swing hard on the big band arrangements of classic songs from Garland, Streisand, Sinatra and many more music icons. Linda's powerful, soaring voice brings these Standards and Broadway show tunes to life.

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp

Ridgefield

03/25 Ridgefield BandJam

(203) 438-5795 \$?

4:00p 16 semi finalists from Middle and High School.

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp Ridgefield

03/25 Karla Bonoff

860-542-5531 \$ 15-25

8:00p Born and raised in Southern California, Karla Bonoff was a songwriter by the age of fifteen. She and her sister Lisa were writing songs and playing as a duo titled "The Daughters of Chester P" named after their father, Dr. Chester Paul Bonoff. She had already fallen in love with the guitar and studied with Frank Hamilton of the famous folk group, The Weavers. By 16, Karla and her sister Lisa auditioned for Elektra Records. An 11-song demo [recorded by Doors' engineer Bruce Botnick] was recorded but no deal came of this first effort.

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Norfolk

03/25 The Buskin & Batteau Trio

860-693-9762

\$15-25

Buskin & Batteau have been winning hearts and minds with their soulful acoustic balladry and fun-8:00p filled performances for more years than they care to remember. The Washington Post called their work "an irresistible amalgam of melodic, sensual pop, folkie grit and killer wit." And while their humor runs the gamut from topical irony ("Second Homeless") to terminal silliness ("Jews Don't Camp"), it's their unique combination of instrumental virtuosity (piano and violin, primarily, though both play other instruments as well), soaring vocal harmonies and unparalleled lyric-writing that prompts the standing ovations and rhapsodic reviews: "The most musically sophisticated act in folk" -The New York Times; "Acoustic Heaven" – The Boston Globe. And with the help of uber-percussionist Marshal Rosenberg, they manage to kick the rhythm pretty hard for a couple of seasoned troubadors. Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street Collinsville

03/25 Lenten Sacred Music and Readings

860-567-9465 Free/donation

4:00p St. Michael's Church Choir, Marguerite Mullee, Director, will present a program of sacred Lenten music, including pieces by Byrd, Sors, Morley, Mozart and others. Readings will include essays and poetry by T.S. Eliot, W.H.Auden, John Donne.St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 25 South Street Litchfield Click to Visit

03/27 Open Mic hosted by Chris Ellis

(860) 350 5995 Free?

8:30p 59 Bank Street New Milford

03/28 Four Score and Seven Years Ago

(203) 438-5795

\$ 10

\$17-27

10 & Musical for grades 3 – 8, Presented by ArtsPower

Length of Performance: 55 minutes 1 p

> To young Lemuel, who has escaped slavery in Georgia, life in Gettysburg is everything he had dreamed it would be. His ideas about the North and the South, as well as what it means to be a free man, are challenged, however, when he unexpectedly befriends Jacob, a young Confederate soldier. The two men may be of different races and on different sides of the Civil War, but they have much to teach each other about bravery and loyalty in ArtsPower's exciting and suspenseful musica http://www.ridgefieldplayhouse.org/allshows.asp Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ridgefield

03/29 **Johnny A.**

860-693-9762

8:00p Only the finest musicians have the ability to capture the nuances of life in sound, which puts Johnny in a very exclusive group of six-stringers that includes Les Paul, Wes Montgomery, Jeff Beck, Chet Atkins, and Jimi Hendrix. The secret is his blend of melody, sonic definition, technique and that indefinable-yet-tangible quality called "soul." And he's eloquently shared that secret on the CDs Sometime Tuesday Morning (2001), Get Inside (2004) and the instructional DVD Taste, Tone, Space (2006). All the virtues of Johnny A.'s playing are in abundant display on One November Night. Bridge Street Live, 41 Bridge Street Collinsville

03/29 *Coffeehouse*

203-837-9700 Free

8:00p Including open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Campus Slammer, the original story slam, at 9 p.m.

Alumni Hall, 181 White St

www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp

Danbury

03/29 Asleep at the Wheel

860-542-5531 \$40-50

8:00p Sounds like an impossible task -- but you never want to say "impossible" to Asleep at the Wheel, the famed western-swing, boogie, and roots-music outfit that's, amazingly, still on the upswing. That's saying something, too, considering the group's been around for nearly 40 years, turning out an incredible 25+ albums while playing an unrelenting schedule of one-nighters that would make a vaudevillian dizzy.

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Norfolk

03/30 Tim Grimm & Joe Crookston

(203) 431-6501 \$15-20

7:00p Tim Grimm is "...an immensely talented singer-songwriter...His rootsy ballads are filled with simple pictures of hardworking farmers and widow women fighting to keep their lives true to the land. His rich, experienced vocals put him right up there with the best in the genre." ~ Chicago Sun-Times. Joe Crookston....Stomping loud in minor keys & story songs & jamborees.

Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable St. <u>www.acousticcelebration.org/</u>

Ridgefield

03/30 John Osborne with James Maddock

860-542-5531 \$ 57-77

8:00p In a career that spans over fifteen years, Joan Osborne has proven to be an artistically restless and consistently enthralling performer. Joan Osborne is currently getting ready to record a covers album with both Blues and R&B/ Soul tracks from the fifties, sixties and early seventies.

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Norfolk

03/30 Dinner – Opera Event

203-837-8298

5:30p The cost will include dinner and a ticket to the department of music production of "Carmen." For more information or to make a reservation, call (203) 837-8298.

Warner Hall, 181 White St

www.wcsu.ed

www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp

Danbury

03/30- *Carmen* 203-837-9700 Free

03/31 The WCSU Opera will present Georges Bizet's "Carmen". For tickets and information, call (203) 837-

8:00p TIXX or go to www.wcsu.edu/tickets.

Alumni Hall, 181 White St www.wcsu.edu/stuaffairs/Coffeehouse.asp

Danbury

03/30 *Impact* 860.489.7180 \$20-25

8p & Nutmeg Ballet presents an eclectic contemporary and classical program featuring trainees from the

03/31 Nutmeg Conservatory. Program Includes: Kirk Peterson's staging of Antony Tudor's Continuo, Eleanor

2p Dantuono's staging of *Act II 2Giselle*, highlights of **MOMIX** staged by Tim Melady and a new ballet created by Victoria Mazzarelli

Nancy Marine Studio, 68 Main Street http://www.warnertheatre.org/

Torrington

03/31 **Pousette-Dart Band** 860-542-5531 \$30-45

8:00p What can you say about Jon Pousette-Dart? Growing up in a household of artists, including his father, grandfather, and sister, he separated himself by picking up a guitar at the age of ten and mapping out a life in music before he ever attended a little league game. He and best friend Jonathan Meredith (son of actor Burgess Meredith) proceeded to spend their teens learning every song they heard on the radio and

soon joined Soupy Sales two sons, Hunt and Tony, to become part of the teen sensation "Tony and the Tigers".

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Norfolk

03/31 Thomas Dolby – The Time Capsule

(203) 438-5795

\$ 35

8:00p With Special Guest Aaron Jonah Lewis and Ben Belcher

One of the great legends of electronic music. His solo career includes two of the most unique and recognizable hits of the genre, She Blinded Me With Science and Hyperactive. Dolby, a five-time Grammy winner, has been making synth music for more than 30 years and has also worked with a variety of artists including Stevie Wonder, David Bowie, Joni Mitchell, Foreigner and Roger Waters among others. Dolby is touring in support of his album A Map of the Floating City - his first new studio album in 20 years!

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